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SUBJ: DIGGS VISIT TO LESOTHO

1. ACCORDING TO VOA 3 OF AFRICA FILE 214, NOVEMBER 6, CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' SCHEDULED TO VISIT LESOTHO DURING MONTH LONG TRIP TO AFRICA BEGINNING NOVEMBER 16. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER DETAILS ON VISIT INDICATING DATES OF LESOTHO AND OTHER STOPS HE MAY PLAN THIS AREA, INCLUDING POSSIBLE TRANSIT STOPS AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT, AND IDENTIFYING OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY IF ANY.

2. ALSO WOULD WELCOME ADVICE RE DIGGS INTEREST IN MEETING SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS MEN AT JAN SMUTS DURING TRANSIT STOP, IF SUCH STOP IN FACT PLANNED, OR AT MASERU. POST HAS NOT YET RECEIVED PRESS INQUIRIES ON VISIT BUT ANTICIPATES THEM.

3. FYI - RECENT PRESS ITEM REPORTED SOUTH AFRICA PUBLICATION AND CONTROL BOARD HAS BANNED "THE FACES OF AFRICA: DIVERSITY AND PROGRESS; REPRESSION AND STRUGGLE," OFFICIAL REPORT ON DIGGS COMMITTEE STUDY MISSIONS TO AFRICA FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH
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